

EPITOME OF THE WEEK

Interesting News Compilation.

XLVIIIth Congress.

TUESDAY, April 22.—Bills were passed in the Senate granting a pension to the widow of Rear Admiral McDougal, and to ratify agreements with the Sioux Indians for the right of way for railroads through their territory. In the House an order was made that evening sessions be held for general debate on the tariff bill. The Pension Appropriation bill was passed, the amendment to transfer the duties of pension agents to the pay department of the army being lost.

WEDNESDAY, April 23.—In the Senate a resolution from the Ohio legislature was presented, requesting the granting of pensions to prisoners of the late war. The Pensions bill was further considered. In the House a resolution was adopted in the Kansas contested election case of Wood v. Peters, giving the seat to Mr. Wood. The Naval Appropriation bill was discussed in Committee of the Whole.

THURSDAY, April 24.—Bills were passed in the Senate relating to Indians, Indian lands, and to provide for disposing of abandoned military reservations. A lively debate took place on the Pensions bill, but no action was taken. In the House an adverse report was made on the bill to compel residents of one State to attend as witnesses in the courts of another State. The Senate amendments to the Naval Appropriation bill, except the item of \$400,000 to provide an armament for the new cruisers, were defeated.

FRIDAY, April 25.—In the Senate a resolution was adopted to deposit in the Smithsonian Institute a flag made of American silk, presented by Joseph Newman, of California. Mr. Wilson addressed the Senate on the question of Intervention in Cuba. Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported favorably on the House bill to establish and maintain a Bureau of Labor Statistics. Adjourned to the 26th. In the House a favorable report was made on the bill to give Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines patents for \$3,400 of land claimed by her, or pay \$1.35 per acre for so much thereof as has been sold.

From Washington.

The Secretary of the Navy on the 23d ordered to sea the Green expedition, consisting of three vessels, under command of Commander Schley, who goes unharmed. On the 23d John W. Foster, United States minister to Spain, arrived in Washington in connection with the negotiation of a commercial treaty between this country and Spain.

By direction of the President Secretary Lincoln has ordered a Committee of Inquiry in the case of General Swaim. The court will meet at Washington May 6, and General Pope, Agnew and Sackett will conduct the case.

The receipts from internal revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year were \$20,500,238 less than for the preceding period.

The fact is related by an official of the Pension Bureau that a soldier died while his claim was pending, his wife expired while the papers were being changed to her interest, and their two children were swept off by an epidemic before their application had gone the rounds.

The President has received a letter from J. G. Burrows, of Michigan, recently nominated and confirmed as Solicitor of the Treasury, formally declining the office.

At various points the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Old-Father's Society in the United States was celebrated on the 23d.

During the seven days ended on the 23d the value of the imports of dry-goods into the United States was \$1,544,000.

There were 103 failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 23d, against 170 during the previous seven days. There were twenty-one failures in Canada.

The recognition of the African International Association, which is opening up to commerce the valley of the Congo, has been authorized by the Senate, and the flag of the same will be hereafter recognized on land and sea as the flag of a friendly Government.

The East.

While sailing on the Hudson near Sing Sing a few nights ago Jacob Koster and his two boys, George and William, and his wife and Nathaniel Wright were run down by a river steamer, and all were drowned.

An attempt was made at Erie, Pa., a few evenings ago to burn the school building attached to St. Patrick's Cathedral. The work was saturated with oil and fired, but was quickly extinguished.

At Gettysburg, Pa., John Coyle was hanged on the 23d for the murder of Emily Myers.

The failure is reported of Nichols & Mills, lumber-dealers at Albany, N. Y., for \$125,000.

Prohibitionists of New Jersey held their State Convention at Trenton on the 23d, elected delegates to the National Convention at Pittsburgh in July next, and adopted resolutions against license and favoring the prohibition of the sale and manufacture of liquor, and inducing disuse, drastic production and perverts of license.

A few days ago nearly the entire portion of West Salem, O., was destroyed by fire, the loss being estimated at \$100,000.

In the region of Meridian, Miss., heavy frosts and ice on the morning of the 24th would compel the farmers to replant.

In State Convention at Nashville on the 24th the Tennessee Greenbackers nominated N. J. Buchanan for Governor. Delegates to the National Convention at Indianapolis were also chosen.

At Cincinnati a few mornings ago the American Oak Leather Tannery, the largest in the world, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$400,000.

In Edgecombe County, Ga., John Wilkins' two children were burned to a crisp a few days ago, and two children of a colored couple residing near La Grange, N. C., suffered a like fate.

In Rowan, Stany and Davis Counties, North Carolina, a shock of earthquake was felt a few nights ago.

The Republicans of Dakota met at Huron on the 24th and elected E. B. Stebbins and Colonel J. L. Jolly as delegates to Chicago, and instructed them to vote for Blaine and Lincoln while a probability of nomination remained.

The Iowa Democratic State Convention was held at Des Moines on the 24th. L. G. Kinn, H. H. Trimble, E. H. Thayer and D. M. Harrison were chosen as delegates to the National Convention, and a platform was adopted declaring for revenue and tariff reform, and denouncing the recent prohibitory legislation.

This house of Amos Brackenstee, near Burnt Island, was entered by two burglars a few nights ago, who shot Mr. Brackenstee dead by his wife's side, and escaped with a large sum of money.

The State Convention of Maine Greenbackers convened at Lewiston on the 24th. H. D. Eaton was nominated for Governor, and resolutions were adopted condemning the practice of the exempting cattle property from taxation, and declaring that the question of the Constitutional Prohibitory amendment should not be made a party issue. General Butler for President was unanimously approved, and delegates to the National Convention were elected.

First destroyed the Sagamore Mill, No. 1, at Fall River, Mass., a few days ago, involving a loss of \$100,000.

On the 24th the United States steamer Bear, the first of the three vessels of the Green expedition, started from the Brooklyn navy yard amid cheers from the three or four thousand people present. Lieutenant William H. Emory, Jr., is the Commander.

The death of Marcus L. Ward, ex-Governor of New Jersey, occurred a few days ago at Newark, at the age of seventy-two years.

The Greenbackers of Massachusetts met in State Convention at Lynn on the 24th, endorsed General Butler for President and appointed delegates to the Indianapolis Convention. The platform was adopted, declaring that banks should be deprived of the power of issuing money; that all monopolies should be regulated for the benefit of the people; condemning the practice of employing young children in factories; denouncing the exemption of any property from taxation; declaring that the regulation and sale of liquor should be a matter for personal consideration and not a party question; demanding a graduated tax on incomes; and that a National law should be enacted prohibiting aliens from owning or holding land.

West and South.

The Mississippi Republicans met in State Convention at Jackson, on the 23d and selected fourteen delegates to Chicago, of whom twelve were for President Arthur, Green & Chandler, and two for Tilden & J. R. Smith in the Fifth.

On the 23d four hundred men and one hundred teams left Pueblo, Col., for the newly-discovered gold fields forty miles north of Pueblo, and steps had been taken to establish a route.

At the Louisiana State election on the 23d the Democrats elected McRary for Governor by about twenty-five thousand majority over Stevenson, Republican.

A Nebraska murderer named Quinn Buchanan, when first convicted at Nebraska City, was sentenced to life imprisonment, but was later killed by a technicality, and was on the 23d convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

During a quarrel recently between two desperadoes named Finn and Hale, near Irving, Ky., Hale was shot through the heart, but managed before he died to fasten the blame on Finn.

At the opening of the Alabama State Commercial Exposition at Birmingham on the 23d ten thousand persons were present. Governor Oran delivered the address.

At Richmond, on the 23d the Virginia Republicans met and elected delegates to Chicago who were instructed for Arthur. The resolutions declared the Democrats to be traitors, and that the members now belonged to the Republican party.

The failure is reported of Mayo & Clark, wholesale hardware dealers at St. Paul, Minn., for \$15,000.

James Peters, of the Seventh Kansas District, has been re-nominated for Congress, and Congressman Knapp has been re-nominated by the Minnesota Republicans of the Fifth District.

The Ohio Republican State Convention was held at Cleveland on the 23d and delegates to the National Convention were chosen with the following preferences: Blaine, 29; Sherman, 14; unknown, 2.

A few days ago William Austin, a crazy member of Parliament of the Irish National party to reside in London, and give his whole time to his parliamentary duties.

An official report was made on the 23d concerning the recent wreck of the steamer Daniel Steinmann, on the Nova Scotia coast, resulting in the drowning of 124 persons, in which Captain Schoonhoven was charged with being the direct cause of the disaster.

Advices of the 23d from Madrid represent that certain Spanish Republicans had sent an agent to America to aid the Aguero, filibustering movement, promising self-government to the Cubans, in the hope that the reaction would be felt at home.

LATER.

A CYCLONE passed over a large section of Western Ohio on the 23d, doing immense damage to property and causing the loss of several lives. The greatest destruction was in the neighborhood of Mansfield, Carrollton, Franklin, Woodford, Ridgeville, Xenia, Washington Court House and Jamestown, the latter place being almost entirely obliterated and six persons killed. At other points over fifty farm-houses and many barns were wrecked, and the loss of stock was very great.

Reuben Midland, Can. Charles Hastings, William Can and Frank Pease were drowned the other afternoon by the upsetting of their yacht.

Judge Mixer, of Fairfield County, Ohio, committed suicide a few days ago by drowning himself.

Some miscreant cut the supports of a railway bridge near Ciudad, Spain, a few days ago, and a passenger train was thrown into the river. Forty persons were killed, and many others received severe injuries.

Three men named Malvern, Clarke and Hill, were indicted in the District Court of the murder of old man Rogers and wife last month, were taken from jail at Monroe a few nights ago and hanged.

Richard Putnam, of Meridian, N. Y., murdered his wife and then killed himself a few evenings ago. Jealousy was the cause.

Amelia Barker, of Boston, Pa., looked down at her bare arm on the 23d and with a razor cut the throat of herself and her two children, aged two years and five months respectively, inflicting mortal injuries.

George L. Ewing, the noted sculptor, was found dead in his room at the River House, New York, on the 23d. The gas jet was partly on.

Kings of Abyssinia, agreed on the 23d to Admiral Balfour's proposals to invade the Soudan, and assist them to withdraw through Abyssinia.

The premises of William Whitely, dealer in general merchandise in Westbourne Grove, London, were destroyed by fire recently, with a loss of \$250,000.

A band of fifty-three Haytians landed in Cuba on the 23d to reinforce General Aguero.

Forest fires in Northern Michigan were doing great damage on the 23d.

The explosion of a boiler at the saw-mill of J. R. Lamb, at Liberty Center, O., on the 23d, resulted in the death of the woman, Fredericka Lamb, and the maiming of the two boys, at Milwaukee. Mrs. C. H. Hogg, of Chicago, was elected President, and Mrs. C. B. Farwell, of Chicago, Treasurer.

Charles Wright was hanged at Center Point, Ark., on the 23d, for participation in the Howard County riots, in which Thomas Wyatt was killed, and Henry Carter (Cassidy) was executed at Monroe, Ga., for the murder of a negro who had aroused his jealousy.

The Republicans of the Second Kansas District have unanimously nominated Judge Perkins, of Owago, for Congress.

Several hogs belonging to J. T. Leslie, a farmer near Atchison, Kan., died a few nights ago from some mysterious disease.

The United States Jury at Huntsville, Ala., acquitted Frank James, the bandit, on the 23d of the Mussel Shoals robbery, but he was immediately arrested by the Sheriff of Cooper County, Mo., for complicity in the Ottaville train robbery.

The failure is reported of Hecht & Barclay, San Francisco commission merchants, for \$250,000.

Foreign Intelligence.

The leather firm of Cassin, Stinson & Co., of Montreal, Can., failed recently for \$450,000, and Simpson, Stuart & Co., grocers, of Hamilton, Ont., made an arrangement for \$300,000.

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A Sunday Cyclone Sweeps Through Ohio Villages.—The Ark Park with Flying Trees and the Ruins of Houses and Barns.—Two-thirds of Jamestown, in Greene County, destroyed.—Killed, Wounded and Many Others Wounded.

DAVOS, O., April 23.—Shortly before three o'clock yesterday afternoon the most destructive cyclone ever known in this part of the country passed over the southern part of Montgomery and Greene Counties, devastating everything in its course. It appears to have originated near Woodbine, a small town ten miles south of here. It was formed by the union of two light storm-clouds from the south and northwest, which immediately assumed the form of a waterspout, rising and descending like waves of the sea and destroying everything in its way. E. Best, of this city, who was near enough to observe accurately, says that it was fully one-eighth of a mile wide and moved over the country like a massive cloud of white smoke, every where in its path the air was dark with trees and the ruins of houses. Forests were moved down like weeds, fences destroyed for miles, and at least twenty residences torn to pieces.

At Alexandria, six miles south of here, several people are known to be injured and one lady is reported to have been killed, while the saw-mill, barns and other buildings are destroyed. At Carrollton, Ky., a paper-mill and other buildings were badly damaged while a number of residences are reported destroyed.

Telegraph lines are down in all directions and roads are impassable from the ruins that they have left.

Near Woodbine residences and other buildings belonging to Edward Wheatley were destroyed with other property, amounting in all to \$2,500. Two farm-houses are destroyed. The cyclone moved on to Dayton and a few miles south of it there was rain and no hail, while further south hail and no rain, and in the section of country devastated neither hail nor rain.

At Bellbrook, Greene County, at least fifteen farm-houses were more or less damaged, but the families generally escaped by taking refuge in cellars. From one of the houses destroyed, a child was carried away and killed by the regular cyclone, which was a village in Greene County, Ohio, about twenty miles northwest of Cincinnati and twenty-eight miles east of Dayton. It had five churches, a bank, a newspaper office and a furniture factory. Its population is 1,500.

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THE SENATE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

A Synopsis of Its More Important Provisions.—The Educational Fund.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Bankruptcy bill as passed by the Senate constitutes the several District Courts of the United States and Territories and the Supreme Courts of the District of Columbia Courts in Bankruptcy, with jurisdiction on all questions of the claims, assets, exemptions, compositions and discharge. For the purposes of bankruptcy the courts shall be always open, as well in vacation as in term time, and when the District Judge, from any cause, is unable to act, the Circuit Judge may do so. On application of any party interested the District Judge may certify any question of law involved in the United States Circuit Court, which is given general appellate jurisdiction and jurisdiction of all bankruptcy proceedings, and the decision of the Circuit Court shall not be reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States except upon a certificate of division between two Circuit Judges. The Circuit Court shall appoint within each judicial district such number of commissioners in bankruptcy as may be necessary, not exceeding in any State a number of members of Congress to which the State is entitled, each commissioner to give bond in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties. He is given all the powers of a State in Chambers, and may represent and act for the judge in holding meetings and conducting the business specially committed to him. The Circuit Court shall also appoint a Supervisor in Bankruptcy for each judicial circuit, who shall personally examine into the administration of all bankruptcy proceedings in his circuit, call the attention of the commissioners, clerks and trustees to matters which would facilitate speedy and economical liquidation, and report thereon for action against delinquent trustees. He shall visit and inspect the office and business of every commissioner and clerk in his circuit, and make a report to the Circuit Court. The supervisor's compensation is fixed at \$3,000 a year. The commissioner's compensation is fixed at \$2,000. The court may, however, decrease his further allowance, not to exceed ten dollars for each case instituted before him during the year, but not more than \$1,000 in any one year. The supervisors and commissioners may be allowed a reasonable sum for disbursements, items to be verified by oath.

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